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Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review and comment is the Draft Resource Management Plan (DRMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Price Field Office. This document was prepared by the BLM in concert with four cooperating agencies, as well as from public comments received during the scoping phase of this planning effort.

The planning area includes all of the public land and federal mineral ownership managed by the Price Field Office in Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah. The overall intent of this RMP is to develop a comprehensive management strategy that will guide the management of public lands administered by the Price Field Office into the future. This RMP combines two older land use plans (the Price River Resource Area Management Framework Plan and the San Rafael Resource Management Plan) into a single unified Price Field Office RMP. By reference, this draft also incorporates the San Rafael Motorized Route Designation Plan.

BLM is interested in seeking your comments on the adequacy and accuracy of all five proposed alternatives and the analysis of their respective management decisions. The Proposed RMP/Final EIS, which is the next phase of the planning process, could select various aspects of each of the alternatives as the management strategy that best meets the needs of the many resources and values being planned for in this area. Your comments will help formulate the Proposed RMP/Final EIS.

Public meetings to provide an overview of the document, respond to questions, and take public comments, will be held at:

Castle Dale	August 24	4:00 – 9:00 pm	Museum of the San Rafael 96 N. 100 E.
Green River	August 25	4:00 – 9:00 pm	J.W. Powell River History Museum 885 East Main
Price	August 26	4:00 – 9:00 pm	Holiday Inn 838 Westwood Blvd
Salt Lake City	August 31	4:00 – 9:00 pm	Best Western Salt Lake Plaza Hotel 122 W. South Temple

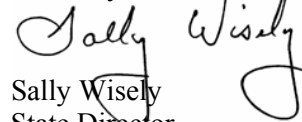
Your review of this information and comments on the content of this document are critical to the success of this planning effort. A Reader's Guide that will help you navigate through the chapters of this document is located in Chapter 1. Your comments are most useful if they focus on specific management

actions being considered and the adequacy and accuracy of analysis. Responses to the comments will be published as part of the Proposed RMP/Final EIS which is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2004 and a Final RMP/Record of Decision shortly thereafter.

Comments on the DRMP/DEIS will be accepted through October 15, 2004. **Written comments should be sent to: Price Field Office RMP Comments, Attention: Floyd Johnson, 125 S. 600 W., Price, Utah, 84501. Comments may also be made electronically at: www.pricermmp.com.** Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Price Field Office, 125 South 600 West, Price Utah 84501 at the location listed above during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except weekends and holidays). All submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. Individuals may request confidentiality with respect to their name, address, and phone number. If you wish to have your name or street address withheld from public review, or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, the first line of the comment should start with the words "CONFIDENTIALITY REQUESTED" in uppercase letters in order for BLM to comply with your request. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. Comment contents will not be kept confidential.

BLM would like to thank our cooperating agency partners that have worked so hard to help us complete this document. They have provided support and expertise to facilitate focusing the issues and developing alternatives to help resolve the many compelling resource concerns that face the Price Field Office. We would like to particularly recognize the State Of Utah and its agencies, Carbon and Emery Counties, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as cooperating agencies on this DRMP/DEIS. Their experience and dedication has made this a better process and BLM looks forward to continuing work with them to complete this planning effort. We also extend thanks to those individuals and organizations that have provided extensive information and many excellent ideas that have been considered during this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally Wisely". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Sally Wisely
State Director

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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN and
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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

for the

PRICE FIELD OFFICE
PRICE, UTAH

Prepared by the

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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

[X] Draft Environmental Impact Statement [] Final Environmental Impact Statement

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Abstract:

This Draft Resource Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement describes and analyzes the impacts of five alternatives for managing the public lands administered by the Price Field Office in central eastern Utah. The alternatives provide management recommendations to guide the multiple use management of all resources. Proposed ACECs, suitable Wild and Scenic River segments, and Special Recreation Management Areas are also recommended. Alternative D is BLM's preferred alternative.

Comments:

Comments on this document are requested from all interested and/or affected agencies, organizations, and individuals. Comments must be received within 90 days of the *Federal Register* notice of availability. Comments being mailed must be post-marked by close of business on the 90th day.

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